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SUBJECT: PROGRESS OF SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION INTERNATIONAL
WHEAT COUNCIL

BEGIN SUMMARY. CONSENSUS AT IWC WAS THAT NEGOTIATION OF
NEW IWA WITH SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS NOT NOW FEASIBLE
AND THAT DRAFTS OF PROTOCOL EXTENDING IWA SHOULD BE
DEVELOPED FOR CONSIDERATION AT NOVEMBER SESSION. END
SUMMARY.

1. CONCERNING FUTURE OF WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION, REVIEW
OF COUNTRIES' POSITIONS WEDNESDAY PM REVEALED THAT ALL
COUNTRIES EXCEPT EEC, USSR, AND USA EXPRESSED PREFERENCE
FOR OPTION NO. 2, WHICH PROVIDES FOR NEGOTIATION OF NEW
AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS. EEC
BELIEVES IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE AS PER OPTION
NO. 2, AND PREFERS TO EXTEND PRESENT CONVENTION BY
PROTOCOL FOR TWO YEARS. USSR INDICATED IT WILL NOT
OPPOSE IF OTHER DELEGATIONS DECIDE IN FAVOR OF NEGOTIA-
TION, BUT STATED THAT ITS PREFERENCE IS FOR EXTENSION
BY PROTOCOL. US INDICATED ONLY THAT NEGOTIATION OF
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ECONOMIC PROVISIONS NOT NOW FEASIBLE, BUT REFRAINED FROM INDICATING ANY PREFERENCE WITH RESPECT TO EXTENSION. DURING FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, MOST MAJOR COUNTRIES INDICATING INITIAL PREFERENCE FOR RENEGOTIATION COMMENTED FURTHER THAT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER EXTENSION. CHAIRMAN THEREFORE DIRECTED THAT SECRETARIAT PROCEED WITH PREPARATION OF SUITABLE DRAFT INSTRUMENT OF PROTOCOL EXTENSION WHICH COULD BE READY FOR REVIEW BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER AND FOR CIRCULATION TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL SESSION. BY THIS MEANS, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE, IN THE EVENT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD WISH TO PROCEED WITH DECISION TO EXTEND BY PROTOCOL AT THE TIME OF THE NOVEMBER SESSION, A SEPARATE CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS COULD BE CONVENED FOR SUCH PURPOSE AT THAT TIME. IT WAS SPECIFICALLY MADE CLEAR THAT SUCH DRAFT PREPARATION BY THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE DONE JOINTLY WITH LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPOSITARY COUNTRY AND THAT THIS PREPARATION WOULD PROCEED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POSITION OF ANY MEMBER GOVERNMENT.

2. DISCUSSION OF DOCUMENT CONTAINING FORECAST 73/74 WHEAT SITUATION TUESDAY PM AND WEDNESDAY AM CENTERED UPON CONTENT FORM OF POSSIBLE PUBLICATION. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL WORK BY SMALL WORKING GROUP, COUNCIL CONSIDERATION POSSIBLE RELEASE OF FORECAST TO RESUME THURSDAY. VIRTUALLY ALL COUNTRIES OF VIEW THAT SOME MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY BEFORE RELEASE, AND APPEARS LIKELY THAT ONLY GENERAL SUMMARY CAN BE MADE PUBLIC DURING THE CURRENT SESSION. MORE COMPLETE VERSION LIKELY TO AWAIT FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE IN JULY AND INCLUSION OF FURTHER INFORMATION BASED ON US AND CANADIAN CROP REPORTS JULY LO AND LL.

3. AT BEGINNING WEDNESDAY AM SESSION, CHAIRMAN POSED DIRECT REQUEST OF US FOR STATEMENT ON US EXPORTS CONTROL MATTER. WE REVIEWED JUNE 13 STATEMENT AND KEY POINTS OF SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCEMENTS, ESPECIALLY RELATIVE TO SALES MONITORING SYSTEM. WE EMPHASIZED THAT NO DECISION YET MADE ABOUT WHETHER OR HOW TO APPLY CONTROLS. MONITORING INFORMATION WOULD BE USED TO HELP DETERMINE WHEN AND IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANY FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WE INDICATED THAT ANY MONITORING INFORMATION MADE PUBLIC WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COUNCIL. WE REVIEWED ACTIONS TAKEN TO INCREASE US 1973 GRAIN PRODUCTION, INDICATING THAT ANY ACTION TAKEN MUST BE VIEWED AS REFLECTION OF TEMPORARY SITUATION.

4. FAO REP INTERVENED TO SAY FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL HAD
RECENTLY APPEALED TO US AUTHORITIES NOT TO REDUCE FOOD
AID IN CURRENT SITUATION. SHE THEN ASKED WHAT US
INTENTIONS WERE WITH RESPECT TO FOOD AID. US INDICATED
THAT ITS PROGRAM BEING REVIEWED WITH PURPOSE OF AVOIDING
HARDSHIPS AND OF SEEING THAT US FOOD AID NOT BEING USED

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TO BUILD UP STOCKS IN SOME COUNTRIES AT EXPENSE OF OTHERS,
AND THAT US INTENDS TO MEET ITS COMMITMENTS BUT
PROBLEMS COULD ARISE IN TIMING OF SHIPMENTS.

5. AT MEETING OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE USSR DELEGATE
MADE USUAL STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF USSR AND CUBA OBJECT-
ING TO REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S PARTICIPATION IN IWC. US
DELEGATE SUGGESTED USSR AND CUBA MIGHT WISH TO RECONSIDER
STATEMENT IN LIGHT OF ROK PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT OF JUNE
23 WHICH ROK DELEGATE HAD ASKED TO BE MADE KNOWN TO
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. STATEMENT SAID IN EFFECT ROK
WOULD NOT RPT NOT OBJECT TO NORTH KOREA'S PARTICIPATION
WITH ROK IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ADMITTANCE
TOGETHER IN UN. US DEL ALSO INFORMED COMMITTEE ROK
DELEGATE HAD STATED HE WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO HAVE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT PLACED ON RECORD IF ANY CHALLENGE
MADE OF ITS RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN IWC: THE DELEGA-

TION OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA REJECTS ANY STATEMENT QUESTION-
ING THE VALIDITY OF ITS CREDENTIALS AS INTERFERENCE WITH
THE INTERNAL QUESTION OF THE PEOPLE OF KOREA.

6. USSR DELEGATE ASKED FOR ROK STATEMENTS AND SAID HIS
STATEMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PROVISIONAL UNTIL
THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

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